

## Tennessee Department of Children's Services Outcomes

Safety Outcomes				
Outcome	Brian A. *First reporting period covers September 1, 2001 – February 28, 2003	CFSR	Family to Family *Benchmarks will be established in October 2002.	Chaffee
1. Reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect in Tennessee.		<p>No more than 6.1% of all children who have a substantiation of abuse or neglect shall experience another episode of abuse or neglect within 6 months.</p> <p>No more than .57% of children shall be abused or neglected while in state custody.</p>		
Permanency Outcomes				
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2. Decrease the lengths of stay of children in state custody.	<p>At least 70% of children who entered state custody after September 1, 2001 who are reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge, shall be reunified within 12 months of their removal date.</p> <p>At least 75% of children with a sole permanency goal of adoption during the reporting period shall have a petition to terminate parental rights filed within 6 months of when the goal was changed to adoption.</p>	<p>Of children who are reunified with their caregivers, at least 76.2% should be reunified in less than 12 months.</p> <p>Among children who exit state custody to a finalized adoption, at least 36% should exit state custody in less than 24 months.</p>	A decrease in the lengths of stay of children in state custody.	

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<b>Continued</b>	<p>At least 75% of children freed for adoption during the reporting period for whom termination of parental rights was obtained shall have an adoptive home identified and an adoption contract signed within 12 months of termination of parental rights.</p> <p>At least 70% of adoptions that become final within the reporting period shall have become final within 6 months of the adoption contract being signed.</p> <p>At least 60% of children in placement shall have been in placement for 2 years or less, no more than 25% in placement shall have been in placement between 2 and 3 years, and no more than 15% of children in placement shall have been in placement for over 3 years.</p> <p>No more than 10% of the children in the plaintiff's class shall have a goal of Permanent Planned Living Arrangement Non-Relative.</p>			
<b>3. Decrease the number and rate of children re-entering state custody.</b>	No more than 8% of the children who are discharged from foster care at any time during the reporting period shall re-enter state custody within 12 months of their discharge date.	For all children discharged from foster care at any time during the reporting period, no more than 8.6% shall re-enter state custody within 12 months of their discharge date.	Decrease the number and rate of children re-entering state custody.	

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<b>4. Reduce the number of placement moves experienced by children in state custody.</b>	<p>At least 60% of children in state custody at any point during the reporting period shall have had two or fewer placements, not including temporary breaks in placement for children who run away or require emergency hospitalization not exceeding 10 days.</p> <p>No more than 10% of the adoptive placements that occurred in the reporting period shall disrupt between the signing of the adoption contract and finalization of the adoption.</p>	At least 86.7% of children in state custody should have 2 or fewer placements while in state custody.	Reduce the number of placement moves experienced by children in state custody.	
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<b>5. Reduce the number and rate of children being restricted from their own families, communities and family placements.</b>	<p>At least 70% of children shall be placed within the region from which they entered placement or within a 75 mile radius of the home from which the child entered custody.</p> <p>At least 70% of all siblings who entered placement during the reporting period shall be placed together in the same foster home or other placement.</p>		<p>A reduction in the number and rate of children being placed away from their birth families.</p> <p>An increase in the number and rate of children coming into foster care who are placed within their own neighborhoods and communities.</p> <p>An increase in the number and proportion of brothers and sisters placed together.</p> <p>A reduction in the number of children served in institutional and group care and a shift in resources from group and institutional care to kinship care, family foster care, and family centered services.</p>	

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<b>Continued</b>	<p>At least 20% of all children with a goal of reunification shall visit their parents at least once every 2 weeks. For the remaining children with the goal of reunification, at least 75% shall visit their parents once a month.</p> <p>At least 75% of children in placement who have siblings with whom they are not living shall visit those siblings at least once a month. Of the remaining children, at least 85% shall visit together at least once every 2 months.</p>			January 2003
<b>6. Reduce all disparities associated with race/ethnicity, gender, or age.</b>			Reduce any disparities associated with race/ethnicity, gender or age.	
<b>7. Better match and increase needed services to support child and family well-being.</b>		At least 80% of youth upon discharge shall have earned a GED, high school degree, or shall be enrolled in high school, an educational program for persons with special needs, vocational training, or be employed on a full-time basis.		<p>Increase resources to youth.</p> <p>Increase the percentage of youth with safe and stable places to live.</p> <p>Increase the number of youth who achieve educational goals.</p> <p>Increase the number and rate of youth who avoid high risk behaviors.</p> <p>Increase the number and rate of youth with access to physical and mental health services.</p>